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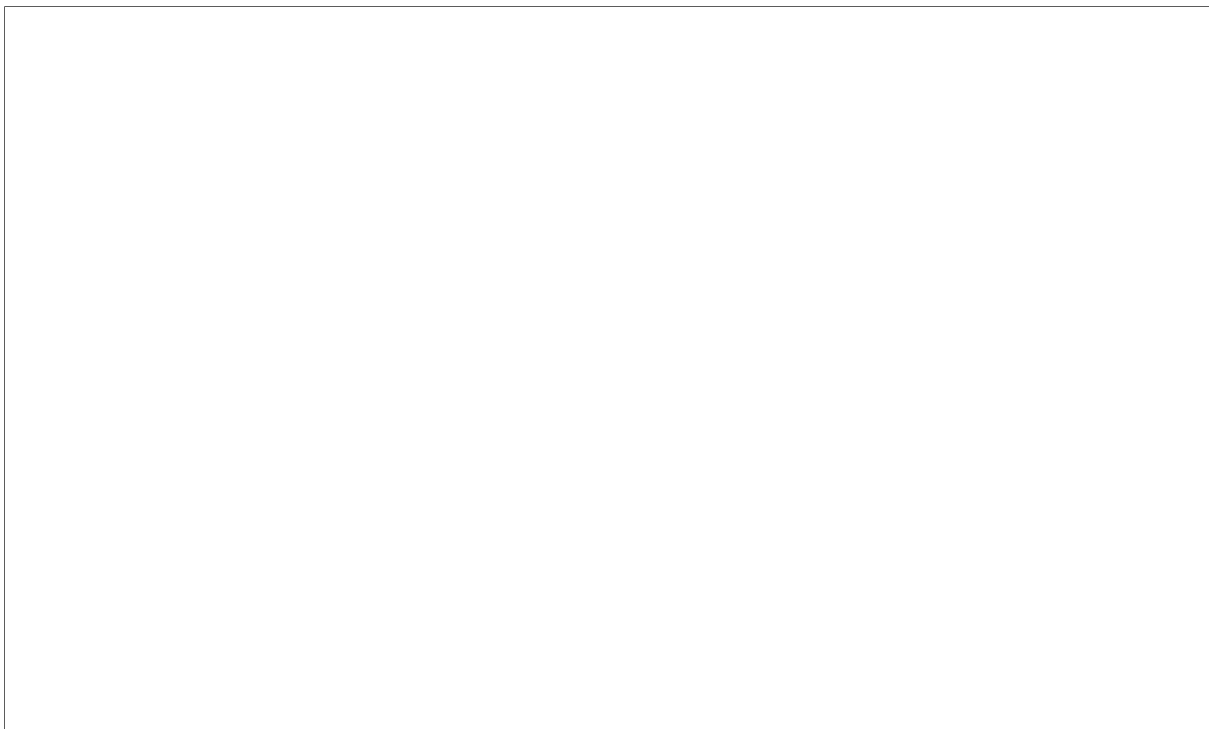
1. The Hoover Commission report on Intelligence Activities has been referred to the Committee on Government Operations in both houses.



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4. Mr. Wallace Parks, Counsel to a subcommittee on Government information, called to ask whether we could give him some guidance regarding [redacted] who is being considered for a staff position. [redacted] has for many years been secretary to [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Parks was particularly interested in [redacted] flexibility and amenability to supervision in view of her long association with the military. After checking with Mr. Reynolds, Director of Personnel, I informed Mr. Parks that in our opinion [redacted] was an extremely high class employee, that we had unfortunately not been able to place her because of her grade, but that we had a very high opinion of her abilities.

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Mr. Parks indicated that in the scope of the Committee's jurisdiction they would probably want to consider what information intelligence, including CIA, could make (if not public) at least available to Congressional Committees. He said this was a matter of considerable interest to Sen. Wiley, with whom he had discussed the subject, as well as Sen. Mansfield and others; that he was a member of an intelligence reserve unit and had himself prepared a paper on the general subject. He

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stated that he was considering circularizing agencies such as the FBI, CIA, the Defense Department and the Department of State, asking for them to clear members of the Committee staff for access to necessary information. I pointed out that if CIA were to conduct such a clearance it would violate our basic prohibition against internal security matters, and that we did not investigate Congressional personnel. He stated that of course we would have to take some steps in connection with any request from the Chairman to accredit a member of his staff for contact with this Agency.

5. I have returned to the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee our corrected transcript of the Director's testimony on the subject of the CIA building.

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